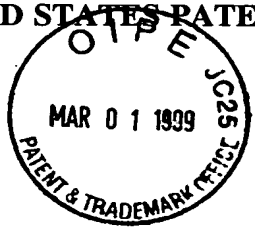


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In re Patent Application of) **BOX AF**
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Application No.: 08/487,974) **Group Art Unit: 1807**
Filed: June 7, 1995) **Examiner: A. Marschel**
For: A METHOD OF DETECTING)
GENETIC TRANSLOCATIONS)
IDENTIFIED WITH)
CHROMOSOMAL ABNORMALITIES)
(as amended))

REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action dated September 1, 1998, kindly
consider applicants' remarks as follows:

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Claims 131-135 and 137-161 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first
paragraph, as allegedly containing new matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

According to the Examiner, the recitations of 40 kb complexity is not
supported by the application. The Examiner asserts that the previously cited support relates
to 40 kb probe length rather than complexity. the citations of support in the application for

OK TO ENTER
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